

Lady Death™



ONCE THIS PLACE
WAS HELL,
LADY DEATH'S
DOMAIN.

BUT SHE
CHANGED
ALL THAT.

AGAINST INSURMOUNTABLE ODDS,
A WOMAN ONCE NAMED MARY, AND
BORNAMED DEATH, ROSE UP AGAINST
THE FATHER OF ALL EVIL
AND PREVAILED.

SHE TRANSFORMED
HELL INTO THE
ENDLESS GRAVEYARD.



THE HEALS
OF ALL THINGS—
A GATEWAY TO
INFINITE DIMENSIONS.
HOW BRIGHTLY IT
SHINES, HOW CRYSTAL
CLEAR.

HOW
ONE FOR HOW
I'VE FEEL OF
LATE.

I'VE BEEN
PLAYED BY
HIGHTAKES, IN EACH
ONE, I AM LOSING
CONTROL OF MY
SURROUNDINGS. IN
THIS MY FATE TO
NO MORE AS I REIGN
IN HELL FOR DO I
HAVE AN ENEMY
ENEMY?

BELOW IS
THE DEEP DARK
ONE NAME DARKEN
AND DEEPER PLACE
AND POWER THE
FATHER FROM
THEIR.

BEFORE
ALL THINGS WERE
NO MORE, I'M NOT
BORN YET, I AM
AN ENEMY NAME
I AM LOSING
CONTROL—

DAMN IT
ALL I DO
NOT KNOW!!

SHE PLAYS HER, TOOKLY,
ABSOLUTELY MIRACULOUS
AND WITHOUT QUESTION.

SHE IS THE QUEEN OF ALL THAT IS
DEAD AND DYING, THE UNFORGETTABLE
UNFORGETTABLE
LADY DEATH!

7761 YEARS AGO...

IN A SETTLER PALACE, MILLS FROM THE IMPERIAL EGYPTIAN EMPIRE, A WOMAN OF DARKNESS, TUNED OF MORAL BLOOD, TEMPTS RATE...

YES,
THAT'S IT.
DANCE,
DANCE,
MY
LOVELIES!

IN A MAD DANCE OF SEXUAL ECSTASY THEY CANNOT RESIST. THE PEASANTS MOVE LIKE PUPPETS WITH THE EBB AND FLOW OF THE DANCE FLAMES...

MY'LL
BAND MY
OWN. SHE
CONTROLS ME
SHE SEES
INTO MY
THOUGHTS!

HEAR ME,
FATHER OF ALL
EVIL! COME!
I OFFER YOU
ALL
OF ME!

COME!
COME TO
ME!

TAKE ME,
DESTROYER
OF PARADISE!
RAVAGE
ME!



I'VE
WATCHED YOUR
CHILD, YOUR
BLOOD COULDES
WITH DARKNESS, A
DARKNESS FEW
MORTALS EVER
KNOW.

AND
YOUR LEGACY OF
BRUTALITY?
I FIND IT
APPEALING.

AFTER
ALL THIS TIME
YOU'VE ANSWERED
MY CALL LUCIFER,
FATHER OF THE
FALLN ANGELS.
TAKE ME!



VERY WELL.
I WILL GIVE
YOU WHAT YOU
WANT.



I WILL
GIVE YOU
HELL!

Estimated with
the Pink child,
Lucifer has her
prepared and
sent to his
Chamber...

DEEP within the
Fetid bowels
of Hell lies the
city of PS.



I AM
YOURS,
LUCIFER!
I AM
YOURS!

YES, THAT'S
RIGHT, BRANDELA,
NOW, LET YOUR
DESIRES
LEAD YOU.

It is Lucifer's
Kingdom—

where all things
horrible and
misbegotten
reside.



INDEED.



YES,
COME CLOSER, SO I
MAY SHOW YOU MY
APPRECIATION.

MAAAAAAAAAA

HOW
DARE
YOU,
RENCH?

SWAK

YES, I
DARE!

I'VE TASTED
OF THIN ARTERIAL
BLOOD!

AND NOW
THAT I'VE TASTED
YOUR'S, IT'S
EVERYTHING
I DESERVE
IT TO BE!

I WON'T
RELINQUISH!



WHAT SHALL I DO WITH THIS CREATURE? THE S'MAD TO BE SURE.

I COULD DESTROY HER EASILY, BUT...

...SHE IS OFFSPRING OF THE FALLEN ANGELS.



HE HE RESISTS! HIS HEART—BURNING THE BLOOD OF THE **WOLF!**

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MORE, PLEASE! I MUST HAVE MORE!

FOR NEVER KNOWN SUCH ECSTASY! SUCH POWER!!!



I MUST ADMIT, I ADMIRE HER SPIRIT.

BE GONE, MY DARK AND VENAL BEAUTY.

I BANISH YOU THROUGH THE REALMS OF ALL THINGS TO METROPOLIS, FREE TO PURSUE YOUR DARK DESTINY.

FAREWELL, MY BELOVED. FAREWELL, PURGATORY...



THE EMPRESS
REDACTED
THE PRESENT

Medieval Europe
1400 A.D.

MY RECENT
LOSS OF CONTROL
IS THERE **ANYTHING**
IN MY PAST THAT COULD
BE RELATED TO IT? WHAT
IS THE **CRUCIAL**
MOMENT OF MY
PLUNGE INTO **DARKNESS**?

IT MUST
HAVE BEEN WHEN
MY MOTHER
LEFT ME, I WAS
SO YOUNG...

YOU
WANT MY
POLICE
NOTES?

YES,
PLEASE.

BECAUSE
AS YOU HAVE
HEARD EVERYTHING
WILL BE ALL
RIGHT?

THAT'S
RIGHT, DEAR
CHILD. IF YOU
SHOULD FIND US,
WE'LL BE **AWAY**
I ASK OF WHAT
WILL HAPPEN.

WHAT ABOUT THE
TOWN? MORE, COVER
YOUR EARS AND SING A
LULLABY. I HAVE
SOMETHING
FOR YOUR
MOTHER, IT'S A
SURPRISE.

YES,
FATHER.

GET
ACROSS
GIRL.

STRESS
COMES TO
YOU CAN'T EVEN
BREATHE A
WORD...

HOW
DO YOU
DARE
TAKE MY CHILD
OFF ME?

MOTHER,
YOU'VE
CHANGED.
THIS ISN'T
YOU...

WHA...
MY NAME, MY
NAME, MY NAME...

...MOM, A
BIG MY NAME
GO TO SLEEP
TODAY...

YOUR
NAME
IS **USELESS**
TO ME,
MOTHER...





MOTHER!

I NEVER KNEW HIM!
FOLLOWED. I COULD
ONLY SURVIVE...

I
WILL NOT
ALLOW YOUR
SPIRIT SAFE
PASSAGE...



SHE LEFT
MY SIDE AND MY
LIFE BECAME A
LIVING HELL...

ALONE
WITH MATTHIAS
AND HIS LEGACY
OF EVIL.

THERE WAS
NO REPRIEVE. EVEN
THE VILLAGERS HATED
ME. I WAS THE DRAGON
LORD'S DAUGHTER!



...YOUR
INNOCENT
SPIRIT WILL BE
MY BRIDGE
TO THE OTHER
WORLD—

—WHEN
THE TIME
COMES...



PLEASE,
LORD WITHOUT!
YOUR HELP THE
CHILDREN WILL
DISAPPEAR!

I HAVE
NO TIME FOR YOUR
USELESS
PRATTING. FATHER
ORDER!

WE CAN'T
ALLOW THIS TO GO
ON... THE MOTHER AND
HER FATHER.

OUR
TIME WILL
COME!



I CONJURE
THE HERE, IN
VISIBLE SHADOW!
I CALL TO THREE
ILLUMINATORS OF
DARKNESS...
DESTRUCTORS OF
LIGHT. I CALL TO
THEE, BY THE NAME
BY WHICH I WAS
GIVEN...

I ASK
THY GATE
TO
OPEN!

THERE WAS NO REASONING WITH
THE VILLAGERS. I WAS BLAMED
FOR ALL MATTHEW'S WRONG-
DOINGS, THE COMING OF THE
PLAGUE, THE DEATHS OF
THE TOWN'S MEN...

...I NEVER KNEW PLACE IN
LIFE, BUT I DREAMED OF IT.

WHEN THEY MURDERED MATTHEW
AND SENTENCED ME TO BURN, ONE
OVERWHELMING THOUGHT CAME OVER ME:
I WANTED TO LIVE, NO MATTER THE
COST. I WANTED LIFE!

BUT MY WORDS, LEARNED FROM MY
DRAGONIC FATHER, LAY THE
GROUNDWORK FOR MY
ETERNAL UNDOING.

AND TO MEET I CAME, DEATH. I LEARNED
WAS THE LEAST
OF MY PROBLEMS.

MATTHEW WAS JUST A
VESSEL OF A GREATER
EVIL, THE FATHER OF
ALL EVIL, LUCIFER!

MY LIFE
WAS LUCIFER'S
GRAND
MANIPULATION.

I WAS
LUCIFER'S
PAWN!

MY CHALLENGE
WAS TO TAKE AN
INNOCENT SO PURE
AND FILLED WITH LIGHT
AND MAKE IT A CHILD
OF DARKNESS!

WELCOME
TO THE FOLD,
DARK
CHILD.



KNOWING DESIRE EQUALS POWER
PIHELL, I MADE HIM PAY!

I ABSORBED LUCIFER'S SOUL, HIS
ESSENCE AND STOLE HIS POWER!

AS LONG AS THE
LIVING WALK THE EARTH,
YOU WILL NEVER
EVER RETURN TO
BIRTH!

AND I'VE TAKEN
HIS CHALLENGE. I
WILL LIVE, I WILL HAVE
MY LIFE BACK, AND I
WILL NEVER BE
CONTROLLED BY
ANYONE EVER
AGAIN!

WAIT. MY
ENEMY COULD
IT BE LUCIFER
HIMSELF?
IMPOSSIBLE!

ABOVE
ME - A STORM!
BUT I DIDN'T
WILL IT!

KRAK

KRAK

HOW
CONFIDENTLY
YOUR MASCOT
SERVES YOU!

SUCH AN
IMPOTENT
ASSISTANT.
POOR HOPE.

YOU CANNOT
ACCEPT THE
TRUTH OF YOUR
EXISTENCE!

THE ENDLESS
GRAVEYARD ITSELF
RAISES UP
AGAINST ME!

REVEAL
YOURSELF AND
WASTE STEEL
FORGED IN
HELLFIRE!

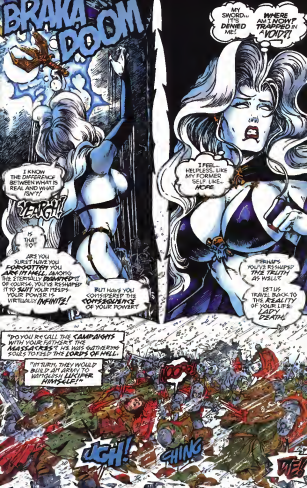
YOU
THINK ME
AN UPTIGHT
STUFFY / A
I AM NO
STUFFY!

I AM YOUR
CONFIDENCE.

KRAK

KRAK

BRAMA DOOM



MY SWORD... IT'S DENIED ME!

WHERE AM I NOW? TRAPPED IN A VOID?

I KNOW THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN WHAT IS REAL AND WHAT ISN'T!

LEAGH!

IS THAT HOT?

ARE YOU SURE? HAVE YOU FORGOTTEN YOU ARE IN HELL, LADY? THE ETERNALLY DAMNED? OF COURSE, YOU'VE RESHAPED IT TO SUIT YOUR NEEDS—YOUR POWER IS VIRTUALLY INFINITE!

BUT HAVE YOU CONSIDERED THE CONSEQUENCE OF YOUR POWER?

I FEEL... HELPLESS... LIKE MY FORMER SELF LIKE... HOPE.

PARTIAL... YOU'VE RESHAPED THE TRUTH AS WELL?

LET US TRAVEL BACK TO THE REALITY OF YOUR LIFE, LADY DEATH.

"DO YOU RECALL THE CAMPAIGNS WITH YOUR FATHER? THE MASSACRES? HE WAS BATHING SOULS FOR THE LORDS OF HELL."

"IN TURN, THEY WOULD BUILD AN ARMY TO MORTGAGE LUKINER HIMSELF!"

UGH!

CHING

WEE!

"IT WAS CONSIDERED TO BEAL AWAY
THE VILLAGE'S MOST ANTI-SUPERNATURAL
WEAPON: BATTLE. SO FAR FROM THE
VILLAGE, NO ONE WOULD BE WITNESSED."

SLAK

THAT'S
RIGHT, TRAUGHTER—
STRIKE!
DO YOU FEEL THE
POWER?

I DO,
FATHER—
DIE,
INFIDEL!

ALIEE

BOOSH

SHHH

GOOD
WORK,
HOPE!

IT WAS MY
ABSOLUTE
PLEASURE
FATHER!





I COME
HERE
BEFORE MEN VISIBLE
SHADOW. I CALL TO
THESE ILLUMINATIONS OF
DARKNESS, DESTROYERS
OF LIGHT, I CALL TO THESE
BY THE NAME BY WHICH
I WAS GIVEN. I ASK
THY GATE TO OPEN
OPEN TO ME!



"AS THE FALLEST KNIGHT'S SOULS APPROX
TOWARD HELL'S GATE, YOU FITTERED
YOU ALL SOULS AND CORRUPTED THEM!"



FEED
ON THESE
PATHETIC
SOULS DEMON
FEED
HELL



MISTRESS,
YOUR IDENTITY
WILL SECURE
YOU A PLACE
AMONG THE
RANKS OF
BARRACKS!

...AS IT
SHOULD
BE!



WHY I
HAD NO
CHOICES
TO RUN
HELL!

I
DETESTED
MY
FATHER!

HOW
CAN YOU BE
SOMETHING IF YOU
WILL HELL,
DO YOU
NOT?

YOU ARE
CAPABLE
OF GREAT
EVIL.

THROUGH
YOUR EARTHLY
ZOMBIE-LIKE
BODIES, YOU ARE COMPLETELY
RESPONSIBLE
FOR 50 MILLION
DEATHS.

I WAS
CRUISED BY
LUCIFER! AS
LONG AS THE
LIVING WALK, I
WILL NEVER
RETURN HOME TO
EMEREA, ITS
THE ONLY
HOME!

**EVIL
EVIL!**

**PITTSBURGH,
PENNSYLVANIA**

ONCE THE **EVIL** MARCHED INTO
DARK, A DISTURBED YOUNG
ABUSED BY HIS MOTHER, A FACILELY
CHARISMATIC, DESEIGNED FOR
SALVATION FROM A
WORK IS THAT WAS TOO
EASY TO CARE.

BUT SOME SUPERNATURAL DISAPPEARING DURING
AN EXPERIMENTAL DREAMWORLD, LED TO HIS ABANDON
ABILITY TO RE-MANIFEST AND CONTROL THE DEAD.
IT ALSO LED TO THE EPIDEMIC BLOOD HE SHARED
WITH LADY DEATH. IN SHORT, HE CAN NEVER
LEAVE DREAMS.

"EVE" WAS EVERYTHING LADY DEATH COULD HOPE
FOR. BROTHERHOOD, AND HIS ABANDONING-HUMAN
DESIRE FOR AN END-DEATH. SHE SAW THE MEANS
FOR HER RETURN TO DREAM.

BUT FOR REASONS THAT SHE NEVER FIGURED
OUT, HE WAS BACK
CONSTRUCTING
LADY DEATH.

"PITTSBURGH
AND THEN
TO EMEREA!"

**LADY DEATH
LADY DEATH!**

THOUGH HE IS CAPABLE
OF IT, THE BOND THAT
TIES THEM TOGETHER
HAS BEEN DAMAGED!
NOW AND
FORWARD MORE!

THE
BLOOD
WALK!



AND... I
CAN TASTE YOUR
THOUGHTS. MY
DELECTABLE GODDESS.
LET YOUR BLOOD BOIL
WITH FIERY EMOTION
AS I FEED THE
FLAMES OF
DIS-CONTENT.

I'VE
PREPARED YOU,
SUNSHINE.
YOU. AND
NOW...

...A BITE
WON'T
HURT YOU.

PERFECT.

EVER SINCE
I DRANK LUCIFER'S
BLOOD, I KNOW THE
DIFFERENCE. THE
POWER OF A GOD'S
BLOOD IN TORMENT
EXCEEDS ALL
DESCRIPTION.

AND I
KNOW I WILL
FEED THAT
POWER.

BECAUSE
AFTER I'VE DELECTED
YOU, GODDESS, I WILL
USE MY MANIPULATED
POWER TO LIBERATE
LUCIFER'S SOUL.
TRAPPED WITHIN YOU
AND MAKE HIS
POWER — MY
OWN!

"YOU DOUBT YOUR
BROTHER,
LADY
DEATH?"

"ARE YOU SAYING
YOU WERE A
GOOD PERSON?"

"YOU RECALL LETTING THE
PLAGUE LOOSE IN YOUR
VILLAGE?"

NO!
THAT'S A
LIE!

"COME FROM YOU ARE THE
QUEEN OF ALL THAT IS
DEAD AND DYING!"

ALL THINGS
THAT I HELD DEAR
WERE DEARED ME BY
THE VILLAGERS. THEY
GAVE NO QUARTER.
THEY KILLED MY
DEAREST FRIENDS,
ACHES!

SCREAM
QUEEN

BRING
OUT YER
DEAD!
BRING
OUT YER
DEAD!

IT'S A
PLAGUE!
I TELL
YOU!

I LIVED
A LIFE OF
TORMENT, BUT
I DID NOT SPREAD
PLAGUE! I TRIED
TO HELP, BUT THE
VILLAGERS WOULD
HAVE NONE
OF IT!

YOU POOR,
DELLIPAD
CREATURE!
CAN'T YOU
SEE THE
TRUTH?

THE VOICE
IT'S CONFUSING
ME, I KNOW
THIS ISN'T THE
TRUTH!

OR IS
IT? IT'S
BEEN SO
LONG...



LOOK AT
HER LOST CHILD.
SHE'S FIGHTING
TO BELIEVE.

IT'S
ALMOST
TOO
EASY.



I READ
HER MIND AND
REVEALED THE
TRUTH. SHE'S LIVED
A TRAGIC LIFE,
MUCH LIKE MY
OWN... BUT NO
MATTER!

YOUR
CONFUSION
CHANGES YOUR
BLOOD. I CAN
BARELY
RESIST.

OH, I
WILL FIGHT
ON YOU, MY
DEAR LADY
DEATH.

BUT
WE ARE
OH SO
CLOSE.



"REMEMBER YOUR DAY
OF RECKONING?"

"THE FLAME WAS THE
LAST STRAW. THE
VILLAGERS CLAIMED
YOUR FATHER —"

FOR SINS
OF YOUR FATHER
AND SINS OF YOUR
OWN, YOU WILL
DIE TONIGHT!



BURN!
BURN THE
WITCH!!

"...AND SENTENCED
YOU TO BURN."



BURN
WITCH,
BURN!

PLEASE
YOU DIDN'T
UNDERSTAND!
STOP!
PLEASE!

BURN THE
WITCH!

BURN!

ALL
RIGHT, THEN
YOU WANT
FIRE?

IN THE
NAME OF THE
FATHER, THE SON,
AND THE HOLY
GHOST...

RUN!

RUN
FOR YOUR
LIFE!



HA HA HA!
I SHALL
GIVE
YOU FIRE!

"AND SO, YOU'VE SEEN THE VILLAGERS
PAY FOR MURDERING YOUR FATHER."

"DO YOU REMEMBER THE
FEELING IT GAVE YOU?"



HELL
IS UPON
US!

"BY THE TIME YOU WERE FINISHED
ALL THAT WAS LEFT OF THE VILLAGE
WAS A SMOULDERING RUIN!"



AAAAA

RUN!
THAT'S THE DEVIL'S
CHILD!



YOUR BLOOD
IS BURNING!
GOOD. FROM MY
LOVELY. I WILL
TEND YOU OVER
THE SPICE!

ACCEPT ME!
YOU ARE A
THING OF PURE
EVIL!

ANY
MOMENTS YOU'VE
HAD OF A PARTNER?
MUST HAVE BEEN
CONVENIENT
LIES.

YOU'VE
ALWAYS
BEEN EVIL!
ADMIT!

ALWAYS
EVIL!

MARY

BORN MAY

TEN
YEARS AGO
TODAY,
MOTHER,
YOU DIED!

HOPE?

FATHER?

DIE

CELEBRATING
THE ANNIVERSARY
I SEE

YOU MADE
ME SO HAPPY
THAT DAY, HOPE
WHEN YOU LEFT
YOUR MOTHER'S
THROWME
DARKNESS
REIGNED!

IT WAS
MY MOST
PROFOUND
PLEASURE,
FATHER!



I BEGAN
TO BELIEVE
YOU BUT NOW
YOU'VE GONE
TOO FAR—
YOU'RE NOT
MY CONSCIENCE
WHOMER YOU
ARE—YOU
ARE MY
ENEMY!

AND I
WILL BE
IMPRISONED
—NO
LONGER!

YOU TRIED
TO TWIST
MY LIFE'S
STORY BUT
NO ONE
CAN CHANGE
THE TRUTH!

MY FATHER
MANIPULATED
BY LUCIFER,
MURDERED MY
MOTHER!

I WAS
BEATEN, I WAS
TORTURED, I WAS
AN OUTCAST IN
MY VILLAGE!

WHEN I
FORSAKE MY
HUMANITY AND
WAS SENTENCED
TO HELL, ALL I
CAREFISHED
WAS STOLEN
FROM ME!

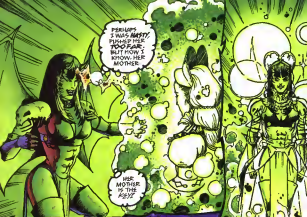
YES, I
MAY BE A
THING OF
EVIL NOW
BUT NOT
THAT!

I'M TOO
CLOSE TO
JOSEPH
NOW

AND NO
MATTER WHAT
SPELL YOU WEAVE,
MORNING WILL TAKE
AWAY THE MOST
SACRED TRUTH OF
ALL— I LOVED
MY MOTHER!

I LOVED
HER DEARLY,
AND I WILL NOT
HAVE HER SPIRIT
DESPOILED!

FACE ME
CONVARD AND
FEEL MY
WRATH!!

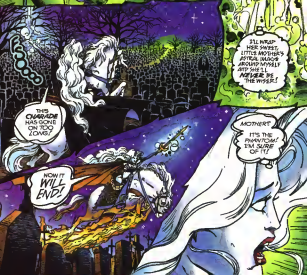


PERHAPS
I WAS A BIT
TOO FAR.
BUT NOW I
KNOW HER
MOTHER.

HER
MOTHER
IS THE
KEY



I'LL WRAP
HER MOTHER,
LITTLE ANOTHER'S
AROUND MYSELF
AND SHE'LL
REVEAL ME
THE WISDOM!



THIS
CHARADE
HAS GONE
ON TOO
LONG!

NOW IT
WILL
END!

MOTHER!
IT'S THE
PERFECT
TIMING
OF IT!



I LOST MY MOTHER'S SOUL TO BEST BONS AND... I SAW HER TRAVEL THROUGH THE NEXUS TO HEAVEN'S GATE!

HOPE, PLEASE, IT'S ME. I'VE NEVER KNOWN ETERNAL PEACE! AS I PASSED THROUGH THE GATE, SHE CAPTURED ME! SHE USED ME TO TRAVEL TO THIS REALM!

HOW CAN I MAKE YOU BELIEVE ME? WHAT WOULD YOU AND I ALONE RECALL?

OF COURSE...

YOU WERE BARELY SIX YEARS OLD WHEN WE FLED THE CASTLE AWAY FROM YOUR FATHER...

YOU ASKED ME TO HOLD ONTO YOUR DOLL, THIS DOLL.

EVERYTHING WOULD BE ALL RIGHT AS LONG AS I HELD ONTO YOUR DOLL.

BUT YOUR FATHER... YOU KNOW WHAT HE DID.



AND NOTHING HAS BEEN RIGHT SINCE...

OH MOTHER, I'VE MISSED YOU SO...



AND I'VE
MISSED
YOU,
DEAR.

EVERYTHING
WILL BE ALL
RIGHT FOR
CHILD...

...EVERYTHING
WILL BE ALL
RIGHT...

NEXT:

the **FINAL SIN!**